

REMARKS

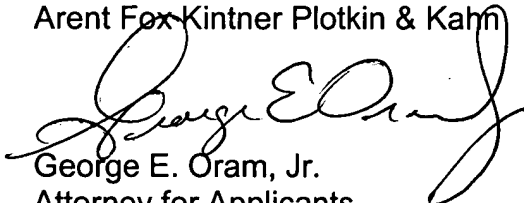
The Examiner is respectfully requested to enter the foregoing amendment prior to examination of the above-identified patent application.

Claim 2 has been amended to recite "Previously Presented" in order to meet the requirements of 37 CFR 1.121 and avoid a Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment.

Should there be any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below listed number. Any additional fees that may be due with respect to this paper may be charged to Counsel's Deposit Account No. 01-2300.

Respectfully submitted,

Arent Fox Kintner Plotkin & Kahn



George E. Oram, Jr.
Attorney for Applicants
Reg. No. 27,931

Customer No. 004372
1050 Connecticut Ave. NW
Suite 400
Washington, D.C. 20036-5339
Tel: (202) 828-3455
Fax: (202) 638-4810

GEO:bgk